



NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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March 4, 2012

County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

RE: Resolution 2013-2 – Rescheduling of NCWD Governing Board Member Elections from
Odd to Even Year Elections Commencing with the 2013 Board Election

It had come to the attention of Newhall County Water District (NCWD) that the six (6) local Santa Clarita Valley Schools (Hart Union School District, Castaic Union School District, Newhall School District, Saugus School District, Sulphur Springs School District and the Santa Clarita Community College District (College of the Canyons)) have approved by resolution a request to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to reschedule board member elections from odd to even year elections commencing with the 2013 board member elections. If approved, NCWD would be the sole remaining special district on the 2013 election ballot for the Santa Clarita Valley.

The attached Resolution 2013-2 was adopted by NCWD's Governing Board on February 28, 2013. In accordance with Elections Code Section 10404(b), it proposes to change the date of future NCWD board member elections to coincide with the Santa Clarita Valley school board elections and the California statewide general election. This would have a positive dual impact of enhancing voter participation and reducing election cost for NCWD.

If the consolidation of election is approved, the terms of office for current NCWD Board members expiring in November 2013 will be extended to November 2014 and the term of NCWD Board members expiring in November 2015 will be extended to November 2016.

Thank you for your consideration, if you have a need for additional information, please contact me at 661-702-4439.

Sincerely,

Stephen L. Cole
General Manager
Newhall County Water District

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
APPROVING THE RESCHEDULING OF
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS
FROM ODD TO EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS
COMMENCING WITH THE 2013 BOARD ELECTION**

WHEREAS; as a county water district formed under Division 12 of the Water Code, the current date for election of Governing Board members ("Board") of the Newhall County Water District ("District") is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd years (e.g. November 2011) (Water Code Section 30019); and

WHEREAS; statewide general elections are held in California only in June and November of even years (e.g. November 2010) (Elections Code Section 1001); and

WHEREAS; the District is located entirely within Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS; the six (6) local Santa Clarita Valley School Districts (Hart Union School District, Castaic Union School District, Newhall School District, Saugus School District, Sulphur Springs School District and the Santa Clarita Community College District (College of the Canyons)) have approved by Resolution requesting the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to reschedule board member elections from odd to even year elections commencing with the 2013 board election; and

WHEREAS; generally, voter participation is greater for statewide general elections than for special local elections including special water board member elections; and

WHEREAS; the Board seeks to enhance voter participation and specifically to increase the percentage of voters participating in the District's Board election; and

WHEREAS; the Board believes that rescheduling to "even-year elections" will enhance voter participation and further increase the percentage of voters participating in the District's Board election; and

WHEREAS; it is considered the view of the Board that starting with the 2013 Board elections, the public interest will be better served by election of its Board members pursuant to "even-year elections" in conjunction with the statewide general elections; and

WHEREAS; as a result of these facts, the Board desires to change the date of future Board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to increase and enhance voter participation; and

WHEREAS; while the Board recognizes that there is a cost savings to the District resulting from aligning the District's election with the statewide general elections, this factor is not the primary motivation for the Board's decision; but, this incidental benefit furthers the District's policy of fiscal responsibility; and

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WHEREAS; while the Board recognizes that the terms of its members would be extended as a result of aligning the District's elections with the statewide general elections, this is not the reason for the Board's decision; and

WHEREAS; Elections Code Section 10404(b) establishes a procedure whereby the Board may change the election date for its Board members by adopting a resolution seeking approval for the change by the Board of Supervisors of all the affected county; and

WHEREAS; if the change in election date is approved, it is being requested that the new election date be moved from November 2013 to November 2014, with Board members whose terms would have expired in 2013 being extended to 2014 and Board members whose terms would have expired in 2015 being extended to 2016, as required by Elections Code Section 10404(i), and as more particularly set forth in Exhibit A hereto, which is incorporated herein by this reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above recitals are true and correct; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Newhall County Water District Board of Directors adopts this resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the Board with the California statewide general election in November in even years (Elections Code Section 1001) pursuant to Elections Code Section 10404(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary will forward this resolution to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors explaining the rationale for the resolution and requesting formal approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting within 60 days after submission and after the resolution has been posted in accordance with law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary will notify the Los Angeles County Elections Office that the District is prepared to pay the expenses of mailing notice of approval of the change in election date by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as required by Elections Code 10404(f).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the consolidation of election is approved by the Board of Supervisors, the date of the District's next general election will be moved to November 2014 and each subsequent Board member election will be held two years thereafter in November of even years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the consolidation of election is approved, the term of office of current Board members expiring in November 2013 will be extended to November 2014 and the term of Board members expiring in November 2015 will be extended to November 2016, in accordance with Exhibit A hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District's Board Secretary or her designee is authorized to take such actions and execute such agreements and documentation necessary to implement the intent of this Resolution.

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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of Newhall County Water District held on February 28, 2013, Resolution No. 2013-2 was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:	Directors	BJ ATKINS, MARIA GUTZEIT, LYNNE PLAMBECK
NOES:	Directors	KATHY COLLEY, DAN MORTENSEN
ABSENT:	Directors	NONE



MARIA GUTZEIT, President,
Board of Directors of the
Newhall County Water District

ATTEST:



Karin J. Russell
Secretary of the Board of Directors

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**NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

EXHIBIT A

Board Member	Current Election Year	New Election Year
B. J. Atkins	2013	2014
Kathy Colley	2013	2014
Maria Gutzeit	2013	2014
Daniel Mortensen	2015	2016
Lynne Plambeck	2015	2016